

Surviving GCSE Results Day

Results day can be a nerve-wracking time for both parents and students, so here are a few top tips, to help make results day a little more stress free!

Top Tips

1. Don't miss out - check what time you can pick up your results.
2. Bring a friend or relative- make sure you have someone trusted with you, so they can support and advise you if there are any problems.
3. Be prepared - make sure you bring your mobile and have the number for your post-16 course provider.

What if I do better than I expected?

We all sometimes underestimate our abilities and this might be a time where we need to re-assess our options.

If you are certain that your previous post-16 choices are for you, then just call up the course provider and confirm your place.

If you decide you want to try something else, as your results were better than expected, ring around local sixth forms and colleges to see whether they can offer you a place on another course; they will be keen to speak to you and will help you to understand a bit more about the courses that they offer.

The [Careerpilot](#) website can also give you guidance on career pathways and qualifications, if you are unsure what your next steps should be.

What if I don't do as well as expected?

Don't panic, many colleges and sixth forms are prepared to compromise on their entry requirements, offer alternative courses or allow you to resit your GCSE's, whilst completing the course of your choice. It is important to speak with them and find out where you stand, but most post-16 providers will be keen for you to join them, so give them a call.

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